

Missouri State Archives

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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Mary Wilhite Jefferson City Photograph Collection

Abstract: Copies of photographs documenting the construction of the Governor's Hotel, aka Hotel Governor, in Jefferson City as well as three additional images of Mitchell Hall, the Governor's Mansion and the Capitol Building.

Extent: 13 Images

Physical Description: Photographs; Negatives

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: TIFs

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: None

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The donor's father Leonard Johnson worked for Brunson Construction, which was based out of Cape Girardeau, MO. Brunson received one of the contracts to build the Hotel Governor in Jefferson City, which was designed by or for William C. Berberich of St. Louis. Construction began at 200 Madison Street in March 1941 and was completed in 1942. Construction was briefly halted during the summer of 1941 because of a steel workers' strike in St. Louis. The building opened for business on September 4, 1942.

Hotel Governor was abandoned in 1988. The State of Missouri acquired it in 1993 and renovated it, turning it into state offices. The State Public Service Commission takes up a majority of the space.

During Johnson's time in Jefferson City, the Construction Company was also contracted to build Mitchell Hall on the campus of Lincoln University.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

MS064 David Denman Photograph Collection
MS272 Ehrhardt Photograph Collection
MS297 Mark Schreiber Photograph Collection
MS314 Tom Sater Capital City Collection
MS315 Lynn Shaffer Jefferson City Photograph Collection
MS317 Duke Diggs Jefferson City Photograph Collection
MS329 Alice Fast Postcard Collection
MS340 George Grazier Jefferson City Photograph Collection
MS349 Otto Kroeger Photograph Collection
MS360 Dr. Arnold G. Parks Jefferson City Postcard Collection
MS369 Bob Priddy Collection
MS390 Ann Noe Collection
MS394 Priesmeyer Shoe Factory Photograph Collection
MS399 Bill Fannin Jefferson City Photograph Collection
MS400 Gary Kremer Jefferson City Photograph Collection
MS402 Jefferson City Circus Photograph Collection
MS421 Henry Gensky Photograph Collection
MS426 Jefferson City News Tribune Photograph
MS433 Dr. Joseph Summers Collection
MS463 Jefferson City Photographs by Kendal Mertens
MS467 Ott Construction Company Photograph Collection
MS479 Joe Kleene Photograph Collection
MS482 Martha Rutledge Jefferson City Photograph Collection
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Additional External Resources

Lincoln University Inman E. Page Library Archives and Special Collections Vertical File on Mitchell Hall: <https://www.lincolnu.edu/web/inman-e.-page-library/library-services/archives/special-collections/lu-vertical-files>.

PHOTOGRAPHS, 1941-1943

Arrangement: By topic

Scope and Content

This series contains 5"x7" copy photographs and matching 4"x5" copy negatives of originals retained by the donor. Images cover the construction of Hotel Governor and Mitchell Hall (Lincoln University) as well as the Governor's Mansion and the Capitol Building. All photographs have been digitized and are on Manuscript DVD #8 in Reference. Image 19 is also on the Z Drive.

Container List

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	213	22	View across a construction site of the Governor's Mansion, which is painted white	1941-1942
	213	23	View looking west down Capitol Avenue toward the Capitol Building	1941-1943